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Director

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TO: Each Supervisor

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FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

**SUBJECT: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: DPSS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES
STRATEGY TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF BUDGET REDUCTIONS ON
CalWORKs PROGRAMS LOCATED ON COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUSES**

This is a report on action taken as a result of the special motion of March 12, 2002, by Supervisor Burke to work in concert with community college districts located within the County of Los Angeles to develop a strategy to mitigate the effects of budget reductions on CalWORKs programs that are located on Community College campuses.

The motion also provided for the Board to send a five-signature letter to Governor Davis and the County delegation in the Legislature urging their continued support of funding for CalWORKs Programs that are offered by DPSS and the community colleges.

DPSS met with representatives from several community colleges on April 2, 2002 and on May 2, 2002. The college representatives presented information relative to the services they provide to CalWORKs participants and how budget curtailments would adversely affect those services.

My department updated the college representatives on activities at the State level, including the five-signature letter sent by your Board to the Governor in support of their funding needs. We also discussed the decision by the responsible Budget Sub-Committees in the Assembly and the Senate to hold open the issue of possible funding for the Community Colleges' CalWORKs program.

In the event that full funding is not restored, my department has advised the community colleges of your Board's instruction to me, the Chief Administrative Officer and the New Directions Task Force to report back to your Board with funding recommendations for CalWORKs and the Long-Term Family Self-Sufficiency Plan. We explained the timeline and process through which those funding recommendations will be developed, and encouraged the community colleges to develop a specific proposal for local funding to sustain the most critical elements of the current CalWORKs community college program. The colleges intend to concentrate on seeking funding specifically to maintain basic coordination of services for CalWORKs participants.

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These services include campus coordination with DPSS staff, the One Stop or Work Source Centers, the Workforce Investment Boards, business and industry, the Employment Development Department, child care planning councils, adult education and regional occupational programs as well as mentoring, tutoring and supportive services.

We will meet with all interested community college representatives again on May 21, 2002. Your Board will be provided with updated information following that meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

BY:jm

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller